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SUBJECT: USAF ASSISTANCE IN TRANSPORTING WHALE FROM US TO JAPAN

1. SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF FLYING TIGER AIRLINES
DISCUSSED WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 28 PROBLEMS THEY WERE HAVING
IN TRANSPORTING A KILLER WHALE FROM MARINE WORLD (AFRICA)
USA IN REDWOOD CITY, CALIF., TO A MARINE PARK IN SHIRAHAMA,
WAKAYAMA KEN, JAPAN. FLYING TIGER HAS CONTRACTED TO
TRANSPORT THE KILLER WHALE (APPROX. 8000 LBS., 23 FT.
LONG, 87 IN. HIGH) TO TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (HANEDA)
IN A CARGO 747. IT HAS THUS FAR, HOWEVER, BEEN UNABLE TO
ARRANGE SATISFACTORY AIR TRANSPORT WHICH THE OWNERS
CONSIDER ESSENTIAL TO WHALE'S SURVIVAL, FROM HANEDA TO
SHIRAHAMA. ACCORDING TO FLYING TIGER, ONLY MEANS AVAIL-
ABLE WOULD BE USE OF USAF C-130 ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS,
WHICH THEY ASKED EMBASSY TO FACILITATE BECAUSE OF SIZE
OF CARGO AND FACT SHIRAHAMA AIRPORT CANNOT ACCOMMODATE
747, THEY ARE PLANNING DEPARTURE FROM SAN FRANCISCO ON
MARCH 19 WITH MARCH 20 ARRIVAL AT HANEDA. THEY SAID VICE
MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION HAS GIVEN GREEN LIGHT TO PROJECT
AND JCAB IS ALREADY WORKING ON ARRANGING SLOT TIMES FOR
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FLYING TIGER AIRCRAFT AND C-130 AT HANEDA. PROJECT
REPRESENTS \$350,000 EXPORT FOR US.

2. EMBOFF TOLD FLYING TIGER REPS THAT THERE WAS LITTLE
EMBASSY COULD DO TO FACILITATE PROJECT AND SUGGESTED THAT
THEY CONTACT HEADQUARTERS, USAF IN WASHINGTON.

3. IN VIEW OF LOCAL INTEREST AND VALUE OF EXPORT, EMB
REQUESTS AF FACILITATE PROJECT, IF POSSIBLE.
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